Advisory Board at CSIR Headquarters level and Research Council at laboratory level. Ever since this mechanism has come into being, the external cash flow by way of interaction with industry etc. has increased and stood at Rs. 94.12 crores at the end of the year 1993-94.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Expenditure on Science

780. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming fall in the expenditure on Science from 1 per cent of GNP to 0.83 per cent, as reported in 'The Hindu' dated the 20th January, 1995;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 40 per cent of the world's software engineers are Indians and our country's earnings out of the software market are only 0.1 per cent; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Research and Development expenditure has increased in absolute terms from Rs 3347.26 crores in 1988-89 to Rs. 5141.64 crores in 1992-93; while R and D expenditure was 0.96 per cent of GNP in 1988-89 it is 0 83 per cent of GNP in 1992-93.

(b) and (c) The world market for software is estimated to be US $ 300 billion Indian export of computer software during 1993-94 were valued at Rs. 1020 crores.

Scientific Research

781. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in Indian Express dated the 19th February, 1995 under the caption "Corruption harming scientific research", if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the scientific research in India is a plain emulation of Western science; and

(c) what is the number of patents obtained by the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has seen the news item published in the Indian Farmers dated 19.2.1995.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) About 1180 Indian patents have been granted.

Regional Centre for Space Science and technology education

782. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N GIRI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's offer to host